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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : குறைந்தபட்சக் கூலி நிர்ணயச் சட்டத்தில் 'காஷூவல் லேபர்' என்று சொல்லப்படக் கூடியவர்களுக்காக சில விதிகள் வகுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. அந்த விதிகள் இப்படிப்பட்ட தினக் கூலிகள் எல்லோருக்கும் பொருந்தும். அந்த விதிகளின்படி இவர்களுக்கும் குறைந்தபட்சக் கூலி நிர்ணயம் செய்யப்படும்.

Maccoronie

* 123 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any research has been conducted in regard to the food value of maccoronie; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No resarch has been conducted in this State. However, the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore has conducted some research on maccoronie. As a result of their research the following details are known :—

Maccoronie is a mixture of tapioca flour, wheat flour or semolina and specially prepared groundnut cake flour in the proportion of 60 : 25 : 15. The nutritive value of this product on the above composition will be roughly twice that of rice, containing about 10·5 per cent of proteins, 1·9 per cent fat and 1·8 per cent minerals.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : இதை நமது ராஜ்ய மக்கள் உணவாக உபயோகிக்காவிட்டாலும், அப்பளம், பாயசம், ரொட்டி முதலியவைகளைத் தயாரிப்பதற்கு இது உபயோகப்படுவதால், சர்க்கார் இதை வாங்கி அவர்களுக்கு விநியோகிப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இங்கே தேவை இருந்தால் அதை இங்கே கிடைக்கச்செய்வதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யலாம்.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri Sattanatha Karayalar is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

Periyar Project

* 124 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a strike recently by labourers in Periyar Project working under the Patel Engineering Company;

(*b*) if so, their demands; and

(*c*) the steps taken to settle the dispute?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No, Sir. The workers resorted to satyagraha with the object of preventing the management from removing the machinery, etc., from the workspot without settling their claims.

(*b*) The demands related to—

(1) bonus for 1955, 1956 and 1957,

(2) leave wages,

(3) overtime pay for work on weekly holidays,

(4) overtime pay for overtime work,

(5) conditions of Transfer of Workers,

(6) dismissal and termination of services of workers, and

(7) certificate of service.

(*c*) the Labour Officer, Madurai, held conciliation and brought about an amicable settlement on 14th December 1957 and the Satyagraha was called off.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri Viswanathan is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

Phosphatic Nodules

* 125 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether phosphatic nodules are found in abundance in and around Korai village, Lalgudi taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the industrial use to which they are to be put?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Phosphatic nodules are found in appreciable quantity in and around the Uttaturkarai area in Tiruchirappalli district.

(*b*) Phosphatic nodules are chiefly used for the manufacture of fertilizers. They are also used as raw materials for the preparation of phosphoric acid and several salts of phosphorus, especially those of sodium, pottassium and ammonium.

Removal of caste names

* 125-C *Q.*—SRI M. P. SARATHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons arrested so far in the agitation carried on by the Dravida Kazhagamites bfore the Murali Cafe, Triplicane, Madras, for the removal of the caste name from the sign board of the hotel;

(*b*) the number of cases launched in this connection; and

(*c*) the approximate additional expenditure incurred by the Government thereby?